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[54] **NON-DESTRUCTIVE OPTICAL TRAP FOR BIOLOGICAL PARTICLES AND METHOD OF DOING SAME**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Biological particles are successfully trapped in a single-beam gradient force trap using an infrared laser. The high numerical aperture lens objective in the trap is also used for simultaneous viewing.

Several modes of trapping operation are presented.

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